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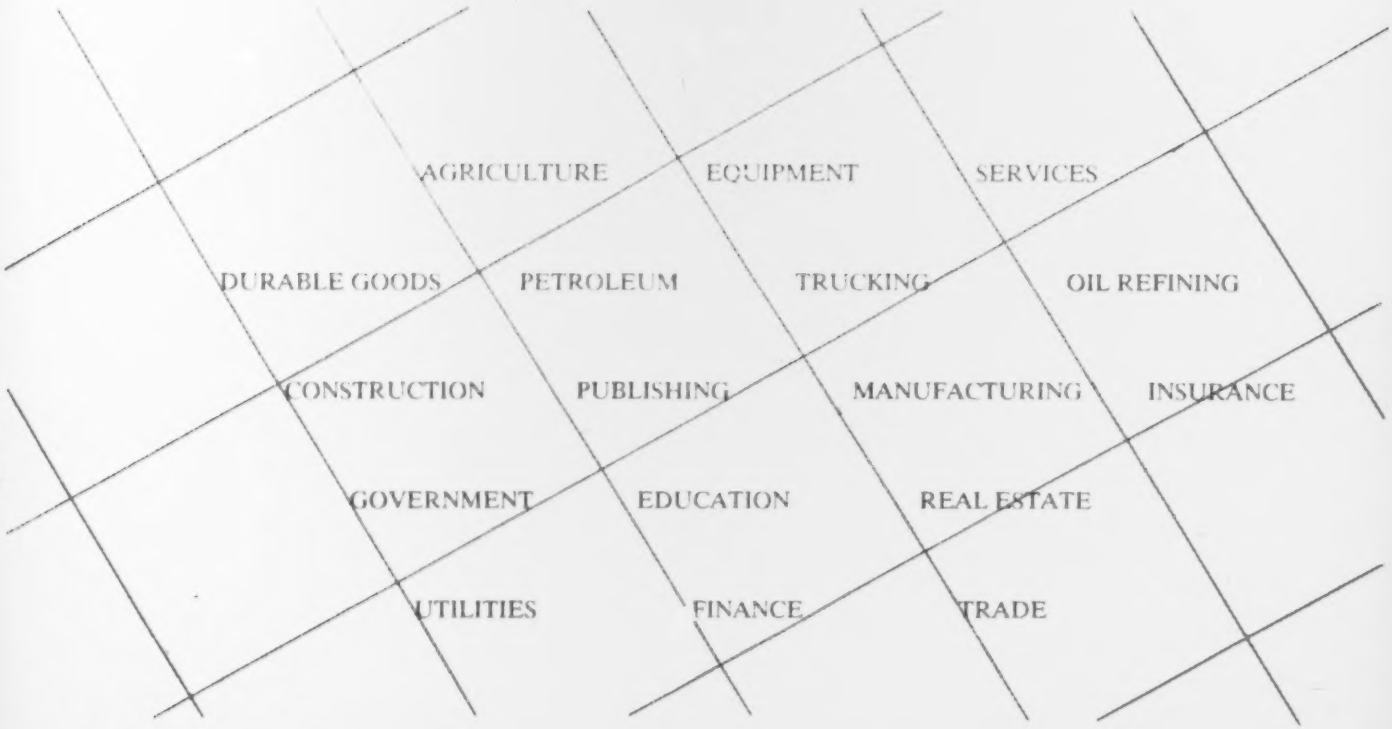

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UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO FALL

Total unemployment in Oklahoma fell another 4,700 in October, continuing the favorable trend of the past several months. The number of jobless has now contracted over 22 percent since October of last year.

The reduction of the number of unemployed has also been the major factor in the reduction of the unemployment rate from 6.4 percent to 5.0 percent over the latest 12-month period.

Although reduced by seasonal factors over the last 30 days, employment is up 18,600 since October 1988. Total employment now stands at 1,457,100.

NON-FARM JOBS UP MONTHLY - YEARLY

Total nonag wage and salary jobs in Oklahoma rose 6,600 over the month and are now 2,200 higher than the same month last year.

The seasonal gain in government accounted for most of the job growth over the month. More specifically, a total of 4,700 employees were added to the public sector, mainly at public schools, colleges and universities.

In addition to the government gains, trade rose by 1,900 and an estimated 500 more people were employed in the mining industry. Manufacturing, construction, and finance-insurance-real estate also registered minor employment gains over the month.

Conversely, service fell by 700 and transportation-public utilities lost 300 positions.

Over the year increases were led by the 3,700 gain in service, a 900 rise in trade, and a 700 increase in construction.

These gains were offset somewhat by lower estimated job levels in the other 5 major industry divisions. The largest loss was the 1,800 drop in government followed by an 800 decline in finance-insurance-real estate.

MANUFACTURING WAGES OFF SLIGHTLY

In manufacturing, 118,500 production workers averaged $442.46 during the survey week in October, down $4.61 from the corresponding week in September. This was slightly higher than the average weekly earnings posted in October of last year.

The scheduled workweek and the hourly wage rates have remained fairly stable over the past 12-month period.

Durable goods workers dropped $7.00 from September's wage, while non-durables showed only a slight increase. For the year, non-durables are up $20.00 due to higher wage rates and a small increase in hours worked. Durables are down $5.00 on average due to lower average wage rates.

Among the published non-manufacturing industries, weekly earnings are up in four of five industries, with retail trade holding steady.

COUNTY JOBLESS RATES FALL IN OCTOBER

Unemployment rates fell in 64 of Oklahoma's 77 counties in October when compared to rates for the previous month. Only 7 counties had higher rates and 6 were unchanged. Each of the metropolitan areas also had lower jobless rates.

Haskell county, at 10.0 percent, has the highest rate, while a low of 1.8 percent is estimated for Woods county.

The number of jobless this month, expressed as a percentage of the current labor force, is much improved when compared to the October 1988 level. There are 71 counties with lower rates, 4 are slightly higher, and 2 remained at the same level.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX - OCTOBER, 1989

ALL URBAN CONSUMERS
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)
(1982-84 = 100)

EXPENDITURE CATEGORY	INDEX	RELATIVE IMPORTANCE	PERCENT CHANGE OCTOBER, 1989 MONTH AGO	PERCENT CHANGE OCTOBER, 1988 YEAR AGO
ALL ITEMS	125.6	100.000	0.5	4.5
FOOD & BEVERAGE	126.3	17.716	0.3	5.0
HOUSING	124.4	42.302	0.0	3.8
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	122.7	6.353	2.3	1.7
TRANSPORTATION	114.5	17.212	0.7	4.1
MEDICAL CARE	152.7	5.968	0.7	8.1
ENTERTAINMENT	128.4	4.373	0.5	5.8
OTHER GOODS & SERVICES (PERSONAL CARE)	151.8	6.076	0.4	8.0

* UNEMPLOYMENT RATES
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

UNITED STATES	5.1%
OKLAHOMA	5.0%
OKLAHOMA CITY MSA	4.4%
TULSA MSA	5.1%
LAWTON MSA	4.4%
ENID MSA	4.1%

AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS
IN MANUFACTURING
(NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

UNITED STATES	41.0
OKLAHOMA	41.9
OKLAHOMA CITY MSA	43.8
TULSA MSA	42.0

* Unemployment rates for Oklahoma and Metropolitan Statistical Areas are computed using a 3-month moving average.

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS
OKLAHOMA MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

	PRODUCTION WORKERS	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT 1989p	OCT 1989p	SEP 1989r	OCT 1988r	OCT 1989p	SEP 1989r	OCT 1988r	OCT 1989p	SEP 1989r	OCT 1988r
ALL MANUFACTURING	118.5	442.46	447.07	438.24	41.9	41.9	41.5	10.56	10.67	10.56
Durable Goods	76.2	473.80	480.57	478.55	42.8	43.1	42.5	11.07	11.15	11.26
Stone,Clay & Glass	8.6	482.01	473.03	479.02	43.7	42.5	43.0	11.03	11.13	11.14
Primary Metal Ind.	3.8	451.93	474.71	441.07	43.0	44.7	43.2	10.51	10.62	10.21
Fab.Metal Products	12.0	412.16	431.10	413.00	42.1	43.9	44.6	9.79	9.82	9.26
Fab.Struct.Metals	5.4	416.64	422.93	394.68	42.0	43.2	42.9	9.92	9.79	9.20
Mach.Except Elect.	22.9	487.96	490.15	451.07	44.4	44.6	40.6	10.99	10.99	11.11
Oil Field Machinery	4.6	442.78	445.36	389.61	40.4	41.7	39.0	10.96	10.68	9.99
Elec.& Elec. Equip.	6.8	427.55	431.00	433.65	43.1	43.1	41.3	9.92	10.00	10.50
Transport. Equip.	15.6	577.84	591.41	643.19	40.1	40.9	43.4	14.41	14.41	14.82
Instr./Related Prod.	1.6	466.03	485.93	482.21	47.7	46.5	46.5	9.77	10.45	10.37
Non-Durable Goods	42.3	386.07	385.88	366.56	40.3	39.7	39.8	9.58	9.72	9.21
Food & Kindred Prod	7.9	360.55	352.06	333.29	41.3	40.7	41.3	8.73	8.65	8.07
Apparel & Other Text.	8.1	206.28	207.73	198.07	38.2	37.7	37.8	5.40	5.51	5.24
Paper & Allied Prod	3.1	439.63	428.26	401.19	42.6	41.7	38.8	10.32	10.27	10.34
Printing & Publish.	5.3	395.52	382.88	384.20	40.4	39.8	40.4	9.79	9.62	9.51
Newspapers & Period.	1.7	326.53	330.95	320.38	34.7	34.8	34.9	9.41	9.51	9.18
Petroleum Refining	4.0	581.70	558.30	547.54	42.0	36.9	37.4	13.85	15.13	14.64
Non-Manufacturing										
Oil & Gas Extract.	19.6	506.44	505.76	483.69	44.0	43.6	41.2	11.51	11.60	11.74
Construction	27.7	450.85	412.18	440.92	41.4	37.0	40.6	10.89	11.14	10.86
Public Utilities	21.8	547.42	546.31	525.41	40.4	40.8	40.2	13.55	13.39	13.07
Wholesale Trade	45.5	397.07	396.19	373.86	40.6	40.1	39.9	9.78	9.88	9.37
*Retail Trade	122.0	189.70	198.13	190.65	31.2	31.4	31.0	6.08	6.31	6.15

*Excludes eating and drinking establishments.

NON-AGRICULTURAL WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

INDUSTRY	* NUMBER (In Thousands)			PERCENT CHANGE	ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	OCT 1989p	SEP 1989r	OCT 1988r	SEP 89 OCT 89	SEP 89 OCT 89	OCT 88 OCT 89
Total Wage & Salary Workers	1,146.1	1,139.5	1,143.9	0.6	6.6	2.2
Manufacturing	164.3	164.0	164.5	0.2	0.3	-0.2
Durable Goods	102.2	102.0	102.7	0.2	0.2	-0.5
Lumber & Wood Prod.	3.2	3.2	3.1	0.0	0.0	0.1
Stone,Clay & Glass Prod.	10.2	10.5	10.6	-2.9	-0.3	-0.4
Primary Metal Industries	4.7	4.7	4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fabricated Metal Prod.	15.7	15.6	16.0	0.6	0.1	-0.3
Fab.Struct.Metal Prod.	7.6	7.5	7.8	1.3	0.1	-0.2
Machinery Exc.Electrical	32.7	32.8	32.1	-0.3	-0.1	0.6
Constr. & Related Mach.	10.8	10.7	11.1	0.9	0.1	-0.3
Oil Field Machinery	7.3	7.1	7.2	2.8	0.2	0.1
Gen.Industrial Mach.	5.5	5.5	5.1	0.0	0.0	0.4
Elect.& Electronic Equip	9.1	8.9	8.8	2.2	0.2	0.3
Transportation Equip.	19.8	19.7	20.2	0.5	.1	-0.4
Motor Vehicle & Equip.	11.3	11.4	11.9	-0.9	-0.1	-0.6
Aircraft & Parts	7.7	7.6	7.6	1.3	0.1	0.1
Instruments & Rel.Prod.	2.5	2.5	2.9	0.0	0.0	-0.4
Non-Durable Goods	62.1	62.0	61.8	0.2	0.1	0.3
Food & Kindred Prod.	13.8	13.8	13.9	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Apparel & Textile Prod.	8.8	8.9	9.1	-1.1	-0.1	-0.3
Paper & Allied Prod.	4.0	4.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Printing & Publishing	11.2	11.1	11.0	0.9	0.1	0.2
Newspapers & Period.	5.6	5.5	5.7	1.8	0.1	-0.1
Petroleum & Coal Prod.	7.3	7.4	8.2	-1.4	-0.1	0.1
Petroleum Refining	6.6	6.6	6.5	0.0	0.0	0.1
Rubber/Misc.Plast.Prod.	11.7	11.6	11.6	0.9	0.1	0.1
Tires & Inner Tubes	6.1	6.0	6.0	1.7	0.1	0.1
Mining	44.4	43.9	44.5	1.1	0.5	-0.1
Oil & Gas Extraction	42.3	41.8	42.3	1.2	0.5	0.0
Construction	35.3	35.2	34.6	0.3	0.1	0.7
HV Const.Contractors	8.9	8.9	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.6
Transp.& Pub. Utilities	61.9	62.2	62.1	-0.5	-0.3	-0.2
Transportation	34.6	34.7	34.7	-0.3	-0.1	-0.1
Railroad Transportation	1.8	1.8	1.9	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Trucking & Warehousing	15.1	15.3	16.7	-1.3	-0.2	-1.6
Pipe Lines,exc.Nat.Gas	1.4	1.4	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Comm.&Elec/Gas/San Serv.	27.3	27.5	27.4	-0.7	-0.2	-0.1
Wholesale & Retail Trade	277.1	275.2	276.2	0.7	1.9	0.9
Wholesale Trade	58.4	57.9	58.8	0.9	0.5	-0.4
Retail Trade	218.7	217.3	217.4	0.6	1.4	1.3
Gen.Merchandise Stores	29.5	29.0	28.0	1.7	0.5	1.5
Department Stores	23.3	22.9	N/A	1.7	0.4	N/A
Food Stores	39.4	39.3	40.9	0.3	0.1	-1.5
Auto.Dlrs/Ser.Station	25.9	26.1	26.0	-0.8	-0.2	-0.1
Apparel & Acces.Stores	13.3	13.3	13.0	0.0	0.0	0.3
Fin,Insur.& Real Estate	57.9	57.8	58.7	0.2	0.1	-0.8
Banking	18.0	18.0	18.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Credit Agenc.OT Banks	9.2	9.3	9.5	-1.1	-0.1	-0.3
Insurance Carriers	8.3	8.3	8.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Services	255.3	256.0	251.6	-0.3	-0.7	3.7
Hotels & Lodging Places	12.3	12.5	12.3	-1.6	-0.2	0.0
Personal Services	12.4	12.5	12.2	-0.8	-0.1	0.2
Motion Pictures	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Health Services	82.3	81.9	77.5	0.5	0.4	4.8
Hospitals	30.8	30.6	29.3	0.7	0.2	1.5
Educational Services	14.5	14.0	14.0	3.6	0.5	0.5
Government, Total	249.9	245.2	251.7	1.9	4.7	-1.8
Federal Government	49.6	49.5	49.3	0.2	0.1	0.3
State and Local Government	200.3	195.7	202.4	2.4	4.6	-2.1
**State Government	76.5	74.0	71.4	3.4	2.5	5.1
Local Government	123.8	121.7	131.0	1.7	2.1	-7.2

p=preliminary r=revised

* Data are revised on a monthly and yearly basis in order that the estimates may reflect the most recent information available. Estimates of all employees by industry are based on a sample of 3800 employers. These estimates may depart from actual monthly levels of employment. This may be caused by:: (1) changes in industry, ownership, or area classification, (2) the opening and closing of nonsample establishments, (3) sampling or response errors, and (4) the modification of benchmark source data.

** The state employee full-time equivalency (FTE) count for OCT, 1989 is 64,502. FTE is based on a 40-hour work week and an average 173-hour work month. The FTE count is determined by dividing total person-hours worked per month by 173.

NA - Due to a change in the Standard Industrial Coding (SIC) structure in this industry, data in 1989 is not comparable to previous years.

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* OKLAHOMA LABOR FORCE DATA

METROPOLITAN AREAS AND COUNTIES

AREA	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	LABOR FORCE	** UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OCT 89p	SEP 89r	OCT 88r
U. S.	118,261,000	6,301,000	124,562,000	5.1	5.2	5.2
OKLAHOMA	1,457,100	76,400	1,533,500	5.0	5.2	6.4
COUNTIES						
1 ADAIR	8,080	420	8,500	4.9	5.0	6.5
2 ALFALFA	3,260	90	3,350	2.7	2.7	3.2
3 ATOKA	7,880	390	8,270	4.7	5.0	6.0
4 BEAVER	3,220	100	3,320	3.0	2.9	3.6
5 BECKHAM	7,750	530	8,280	6.4	7.1	8.3
6 BLAINE	5,800	240	6,040	4.0	4.4	5.0
7 BRYAN	14,110	570	14,680	3.9	4.0	5.9
8 CADDO	11,200	930	12,130	7.7	8.4	10.0
9 CANADIAN	34,325	1,425	35,750	4.0	4.1	5.0
10 CARTER	18,800	1,300	20,100	6.5	6.6	7.5
11 CHEROKEE	14,840	780	15,620	5.0	5.3	8.3
12 CHOCTAW	5,250	440	5,690	7.7	8.8	9.2
13 CIMARRON	1,800	50	1,850	2.7	3.2	4.9
14 CLEVELAND	81,775	3,300	85,075	3.9	4.0	5.0
15 COAL	2,320	230	2,550	9.0	11.1	11.2
16 COMANCHE	47,450	2,200	49,650	4.4	4.5	5.8
17 COTTON	3,060	150	3,210	4.7	4.6	4.4
18 CRAIG	6,420	280	6,700	4.2	4.1	6.5
19 CREEK	26,400	1,800	28,200	6.4	6.5	8.2
20 CUSTER	14,350	600	14,950	4.0	4.5	4.7
21 DELAWARE	10,380	520	10,900	4.8	4.9	6.3
22 DEWEY	2,550	90	2,640	3.4	4.1	4.5
23 ELLIS	2,460	80	2,540	3.1	3.5	4.6
24 GARFIELD	26,975	1,150	28,125	4.1	4.1	5.2
25 GARVIN	11,090	690	11,780	5.9	6.4	7.9
26 GRADY	16,630	1,240	17,870	6.9	7.6	8.3
27 GRANT	3,100	90	3,190	2.8	3.1	3.2
28 GREER	2,850	90	2,940	3.1	3.6	4.4
29 HARMON	1,770	80	1,850	4.3	4.3	7.5
30 HARPER	2,430	70	2,500	2.8	2.8	3.9
31 HASKELL	4,140	460	4,600	10.0	11.0	12.1
32 HUGHES	4,770	440	5,210	8.4	9.7	13.7
33 JACKSON	10,780	570	11,350	5.0	5.1	6.1
34 JEFFERSON	3,510	160	3,670	4.4	5.2	6.9
35 JOHNSTON	3,810	230	4,040	5.7	6.1	6.4
36 KAY	25,300	1,125	26,425	4.3	4.5	5.3
37 KINGFISHER	6,670	220	6,890	3.2	3.3	5.1
38 KIOWA	5,310	220	5,530	4.0	3.8	4.7
39 LATIMER	4,360	330	4,690	7.0	8.0	10.1
40 LEFLORE	20,020	1,550	21,570	7.2	7.3	7.1
41 LINCOLN	11,960	750	12,710	5.9	6.2	8.6
42 LOGAN	12,920	550	13,470	4.1	4.1	4.9
43 LOVE	4,110	160	4,270	3.7	4.0	4.8
44 McCLAIN	10,630	490	11,120	4.4	4.5	5.6
45 McCURTAIN	14,330	930	15,260	6.1	6.7	7.2

	COUNTIES	EMPLOYMENT	UNEMPLOYMENT	LABOR FORCE	OCT 89p	SEP 89r	OCT 88r
46	McINTOSH	6,440	280	6,720	4.2	4.5	4.2
47	MAJOR	3,660	140	3,800	3.7	4.1	5.4
48	MARSHALL	4,260	240	4,500	5.3	6.2	6.5
49	MAYES	13,970	1,170	15,140	7.7	8.3	8.2
50	MURRAY	5,760	440	6,200	7.1	8.2	7.1
51	MUSKOGEE	29,450	1,750	31,200	5.6	5.9	9.2
52	NOBLE	4,890	190	5,080	3.7	3.9	5.2
53	NOWATA	3,620	280	3,900	7.2	7.1	8.8
54	OKFUSKEE	5,340	300	5,640	5.3	5.7	7.5
55	OKLAHOMA	307,875	14,375	322,250	4.5	4.6	5.5
56	OKMULGEE	14,000	1,100	15,100	7.3	7.8	10.0
57	OSAGE	16,300	775	17,075	4.5	4.6	6.9
58	OTTAWA	11,000	950	11,950	7.9	8.2	9.4
59	PAWNEE	7,530	510	8,040	6.3	6.1	7.8
60	PAYNE	30,725	1,475	32,200	4.6	4.4	4.3
61	PITTSBURG	16,175	1,325	17,500	7.6	8.6	10.8
62	PONTOTOC	16,440	870	17,310	5.0	7.2	5.9
63	POTTAWATOMIE	24,925	1,350	26,275	5.1	5.1	6.5
64	PUSHMATAHA	4,780	310	5,090	6.1	6.4	6.8
65	ROGER MILLS	1,810	100	1,910	5.2	6.2	6.9
66	ROGERS	23,370	1,750	25,120	7.0	7.4	9.3
67	SEMINOLE	9,640	810	10,450	7.8	8.4	10.5
68	SEQUOYAH	15,800	1,050	16,850	6.2	6.4	6.5
69	STEPHENS	18,070	990	19,060	5.2	5.7	7.1
70	TEXAS	8,510	320	8,830	3.6	4.3	4.5
71	TILLMAN	4,580	260	4,840	5.1	6.2	5.0
72	TULSA	244,175	12,500	256,675	4.9	5.1	6.6
73	WAGONER	20,250	950	21,200	4.5	4.7	6.4
74	WASHINGTON	22,260	750	23,010	3.3	3.5	5.1
75	WASHITA	5,560	310	5,870	5.3	5.5	6.6
76	WOODS	5,610	100	5,710	1.8	1.9	3.0
77	WOODWARD	9,360	520	9,880	5.3	6.0	7.6
	OKLAHOMA CITY MSA	472,400	21,500	493,900	4.4	4.5	5.4
	TULSA MSA	330,500	17,800	348,300	5.1	5.3	7.0

SERVICE DELIVERY AREAS

A	-NORTHWEST	35,900	1,300	37,200	3.5		
B	-SOUTHWEST	50,200	2,500	52,700	4.7		
C	-NORTH CENTRAL	79,700	3,200	82,900	3.9		
D	-SOUTH CENTRAL	115,100	6,400	121,500	5.3		
E	-CENTRAL	366,600	16,600	383,200	4.3		
F	-TULSA	286,900	15,100	302,000	5.0		
G	-EAST CENTRAL	94,900	5,600	100,500	5.6		
H	-SOUTHERN	88,600	5,100	93,700	5.4		
I	-NORTHEAST	91,000	5,700	96,700	5.9		
J	-EASTERN	108,900	6,300	115,200	5.5		
K	-SOUTHEAST	69,100	5,300	74,400	7.1		
L	-CLEVELAND	70,300	3,000	73,300	4.1		

* Data included in this table are estimates developed using methodologies and statistical adjustments prescribed by the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

p = Preliminary r=revised

** Unemployment rates for Oklahoma and MSA are computed using a 3-month moving average

OKLAHOMA CITY
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Industry	Number In Thousands			Absolute Change From	
	OCT 1989p	SEP 1989r	OCT 1988r	SEP 89 OCT 89	OCT 88 OCT 89
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	410.4	408.3	411.3	2.1	-0.9
MANUFACTURING	49.4	49.4	49.1	0.0	0.3
DURABLE GOODS	34.0	34.1	33.5	-0.1	0.5
Primary & Fabricated Metals	4.2	4.2	4.3	0.0	-0.1
Fab.Struc.Metal Products	1.6	1.6	1.6	0.0	0.0
Machinery	14.8	14.9	14.2	-0.1	0.6
Mach. Except Electric	12.2	12.3	11.5	-0.1	0.7
Electric & Electronic Equip.	2.6	2.6	2.7	0.0	-0.1
Transportation Equipment	9.6	9.6	9.7	0.0	-0.1
NON-DURABLE GOODS	15.4	15.3	15.6	0.1	-0.2
Food and Kindred Products	5.0	5.0	5.3	0.0	-0.3
Printing & Publishing	4.3	4.3	4.3	0.0	0.0
MINING	10.3	10.3	11.1	0.0	-0.8
CONSTRUCTION	11.7	11.6	12.5	0.1	-0.8
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	20.1	20.2	19.6	-0.1	0.5
Transportation	10.4	10.5	9.9	-0.1	0.5
Comm. & Public Utilities	9.7	9.7	9.7	0.0	0.0
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	102.2	101.1	101.5	1.1	0.7
Wholesale Trade	21.3	21.3	21.5	0.0	-0.2
Retail Trade	80.9	79.8	80.0	1.1	0.9
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	23.5	23.5	23.9	0.0	-0.4
Banking	5.5	5.5	5.4	0.0	0.1
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	3.7	3.7	3.9	0.0	-0.2
Insurance Carriers	4.6	4.6	4.7	0.0	-0.1
SERVICES	93.4	93.9	96.3	-0.5	-2.9
Health Services	28.9	28.9	27.5	0.0	1.4
Hospitals	12.6	12.5	12.3	0.1	0.3
Educational Services	5.4	5.4	5.4	0.0	0.0
TOTAL GOVERNMENT	99.8	98.3	97.3	1.5	2.5
Total Federal Government	30.3	30.3	30.2	0.0	0.1
Total State/Local Gover.	69.5	68.0	67.1	1.5	2.4
Total State Government	33.1	32.6	32.1	0.5	1.0
Total Local Government	36.4	35.4	35.0	1.0	1.4

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OKLAHOMA CITY METROPOLITAN AREA

Oklahoma, Canadian, Cleveland, Logan, McClain and Pottawatomie Counties)

Total employment in the Oklahoma City Metropolitan Area fell by 4,800 during the September-October estimation period and now stands at 472,400. This is 600 higher than the year-ago estimated level.

Unemployment fell 800 over the month, and now stands over 20 percent lower than the October 1988 level. These factors produced an October jobless rate of 4.4 percent, a full 1.0 percent under the 5.4 percent posted last year.

Led by a 1,500 increase in the public sector, total wage and salary employment had a gain of 2,100 in the Oklahoma City MSA in October. Trade also moved up by 1,100 in the same period. Most of the government rise was centered in the state and local divisions where education added support staff at some of the later opening institutions. Most other industry divisions showed little to no change over the month. The major exception was service, which fell by 500 positions.

Wage and salary jobs are still lagging some 900 below last October's level but have shown year-to-year improvement over the past several months. Government, trade, manufacturing, and transportation-public utilities have registered over the year gains to offset most of the losses in the other major industry divisions.

Manufacturing production workers in the Oklahoma City MSA averaged $485.30 per week in October according to averages compiled from a survey of firms representing 36,100 workers in the area. This compares to $493.02 in September.

Over the year, durables average weekly earnings have declined $38.00 while nondurables moved up by $41.00. All of the change for both groups can be traced to changes in hourly wage rates.

OKLAHOMA CITY

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT 1989p	SEP 1989r	OCT 1988r	OCT 1989p	SEP 1989r	OCT 1988r	OCT 1989p	SEP 1989r	OCT 1988r
ALL MANUFACTURING	485.30	493.02	505.90	43.8	43.4	42.8	11.08	11.36	11.82
Durable Goods	511.43	522.37	549.84	45.1	44.8	43.5	11.34	11.66	12.64
Prim. & Fab. Metals	390.71	432.42	413.14	42.7	46.9	45.6	9.15	9.22	9.06
Machinery	549.98	553.43	520.20	47.7	47.1	40.8	11.53	11.75	12.75
Nondurable Goods	414.46	410.94	390.60	40.2	39.4	40.9	10.31	10.43	9.55
Food & Kindred Prod	379.85	368.02	338.77	42.3	40.8	43.6	8.98	9.02	7.77
Printing & Pub.	451.76	410.99	389.91	40.3	38.7	37.6	11.21	10.62	10.37

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TULSA
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Industry	Number In Thousands			Absolute Change From	
	OCT 1989p	SEP 1989r	OCT 1988r	SEP 89 OCT 89	OCT 88 OCT 89
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	306.0	304.7	300.0	1.3	6.0
MANUFACTURING	50.1	50.1	49.9	0.0	0.2
DURABLE GOODS	39.5	39.3	39.1	0.2	0.4
Stone,Clay & Glass Products	3.9	3.9	3.9	0.0	0.0
Primary & Fabricated Metals	11.8	11.8	11.7	0.0	0.1
Primary Metal Industries	2.4	2.4	2.3	0.0	0.1
Fabricated Metal Products	9.4	9.4	9.4	0.0	0.0
Fab. Struc.Metal Products	5.3	5.4	5.2	-0.1	0.1
Machinery	13.8	13.7	13.2	0.1	0.6
Mach.Except Electric	10.4	10.3	9.8	0.1	0.6
Const,& Related Machinery	3.6	3.6	3.7	0.0	-0.1
Electric & Electronic Equip.	3.4	3.4	3.4	0.0	0.0
Transportation Equipment	7.3	7.2	7.3	0.1	0.0
NON-DURABLE GOODS	10.6	10.8	10.8	-0.2	-0.2
Printing & Publishing	3.2	3.2	3.3	0.0	-0.1
Petroleum & Coal Products	1.8	1.9	1.8	-0.1	0.0
MINING	14.9	14.8	14.2	0.1	0.7
CONSTRUCTION	9.0	8.9	9.8	0.1	-0.8
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	24.4	24.5	23.2	0.1	1.2
Transportation	16.9	17.0	15.7	-0.1	1.2
Comm.& Public Utilities	7.5	7.5	7.5	0.0	0.0
TRADE	71.5	71.0	70.3	0.5	1.2
Wholesale Trade	18.3	18.1	18.5	0.2	-0.2
Retail Trade	53.2	52.9	51.8	0.3	1.4
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	17.7	17.6	17.3	0.1	0.4
Banking	4.0	4.0	4.2	0.0	-0.2
SERVICES	80.8	80.9	77.6	-0.1	2.8
Health Services	24.9	24.8	23.0	0.1	1.9
Hospitals	12.4	12.4	11.7	0.0	0.7
Educational Services	5.9	5.6	6.9	0.3	-1.0
GOVERNMENT	37.6	36.9	37.7	0.7	-0.1
Federal	4.8	4.9	4.8	-0.1	0.0
State	6.0	5.6	5.7	0.4	0.3
Local	26.8	26.4	27.2	0.4	-0.4

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TULSA METROPOLITAN AREA

(Tulsa, Creek, Osage, Rogers and Wagoner Counties)

The unemployment rate for the Tulsa MSA for October was 5.1 percent based upon the three month moving average methodology used to remove some of the error variance and month-to-month volatility experienced with recent labor force data. Unemployment dropped by 900. for the period ending in October, from that for the previous period, and was reduced by 25.5 percent from the total for the same period one year ago. Employment for the period ending in October was 330,500, an increase of 10,700 from one year ago.

Non-farm wage and salary employment in the Tulsa MSA rose to 306,000 in October. This is 1,300 higher than the revised figure for the previous month and 6,000 more than a year ago. Industries with significant month-to-month job expansion were government, with a 700 seasonal education-related increase, and trade with a gain of 500. The remaining six industries remained within plus or minus 100 of the September employment level.

The year-to-year expansion showed four of eight major industry groups with significant employment growth. Services lead with 2,800 more jobs, while both trade and transportation-public utilities added 1,200 jobs apiece, and mining employment grew by 700. Year-to-year job losses were indicated for construction and government.

The average weekly earnings for the estimated 33,200 manufacturing production workers in the Tulsa MSA was $458.22 for October. Weekly earnings, weekly hours, and hourly earnings changed little from the September figure for both, the all manufacturing workers and durable goods workers. Non-durable goods workers received increased weekly earnings, both for the month and over the year due to hourly earnings increases.

TULSA

AVERAGE HOURS AND EARNINGS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES

INDUSTRY	WEEKLY EARNINGS			WEEKLY HOURS			HOURLY EARNINGS		
	OCT 1989p	SEP 1989r	OCT 1988r	OCT 1989p	SEP 1989r	OCT 1988r	OCT 1989p	SEP 1989r	OCT 1988r
ALL MANUFACTURING	458.22	460.57	452.19	42.0	42.1	42.3	10.91	10.94	10.69
Durable goods	475.42	479.95	472.08	42.6	42.7	42.8	11.16	11.24	11.03
Prim & Fab. Metals	450.40	462.85	440.83	44.2	45.2	45.4	10.19	10.24	9.71
Machinery	418.18	414.12	417.79	41.2	40.8	41.0	10.15	10.15	10.19
Non-Durable Goods	372.48	363.94	362.20	38.8	38.8	40.2	9.60	9.38	9.01
Printing & Pub	410.42	415.94	428.16	39.2	40.5	40.7	10.47	10.27	10.52

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ENID METROPOLITAN AREA

(Garfield County)

The unemployment rate for the Enid MSA for October was 4.1 percent, based upon the three-month moving average methodology used to reduce error variance and volatility experienced with the labor force data. The total labor force for the three-month period ending in October, 1989 was 28,125, or 575 lower than the period ending in the previous month and 450 less than for the same period one year ago. Unemployment was also down slightly from the previous period and 23.3 percent lower than for the same time frame one year ago. Total employment was only 100 less than last year. The Enid MSA continued to maintain the lowest unemployment rate among the four Oklahoma Metropolitan Areas.

Total non-farm wage and salary employment in the Enid MSA was stagnated at 21,200 for October. Little change was reflected for the eight major industry groups in the monthly comparison, as a slight increase in local government employment was offset by a similar decline in the service sector. Over-the-year changes showed total wage and salary employment only 100 higher than in October 1988. Changes by industry were small with the 200 job gain by services and 100 new government jobs offset somewhat by the losses of 100 employees each in the mining and transportation-public utilities sectors.

ENID

NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Industry	NUMBER IN THOUSANDS			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	OCT 1989p	SEP 1989r	OCT 1988r	SEP 89 OCT 89	OCT 88 OCT 89
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	21.2	21.2	21.1	0.0	0.1
MANUFACTURING	1.5	1.5	1.5	0.0	0.0
DURABLE GOODS	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.0	0.1
NON-DURABLE GOODS	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.0	-0.1
MINING	1.0	1.0	1.1	0.0	-0.1
CONSTRUCTION	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.0
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.1	2.1	2.2	0.0	-0.1
TRADE	6.0	6.0	6.0	0.0	0.0
Wholesale Trade	1.2	1.2	1.4	0.0	-0.2
Retail Trade	4.8	4.8	4.6	0.0	0.2
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.0	0.0
SERVICES	5.5	5.6	5.3	-0.1	0.2
GOVERNMENT	3.4	3.3	3.3	0.1	0.1
Federal	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
State	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.0	0.1
Local	2.1	2.0	2.1	0.1	0.0

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LAWTON METROPOLITAN AREA

(Comanche County)

Total employment in the Lawton Metropolitan Statistical Area fell to 47,450 in October, down 550 from the revised September estimate. At the same time, unemployment fell 50, bringing the jobless rate down to 4.4 percent.

Unemployment now stands 22 percent lower than a year ago and the employment lever is 3.7 percent higher.

Total nonfarm wage and salary employment rose 800 in October. The normal increased staffing of educational units in state and local government were joined by increased hiring in the service and retail trade industries.

Over the year, nonfarm employment is estimated to have risen 1,800. Gains were widespread across a wide range of public and private business entities, with the largest growth coming in the federal government sector.

LAWTON
NON-FARM WAGE AND SALARY EMPLOYMENT

Industry	NUMBER IN THOUSANDS			ABSOLUTE CHANGE	
	OCT 1989p	SEP 1989r	OCT 1988r	SEP 89 OCT 89	OCT 88 OCT 89
TOTAL WAGE & SALARY	34.9	34.1	33.1	0.8	1.8
MANUFACTURING	3.8	3.8	3.6	0.0	0.2
DURABLE GOODS	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.0	0.1
NON-DURABLE GOODS	3.3	3.3	3.2	0.0	0.1
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
CONSTRUCTION	1.1	1.1	1.1	0.0	0.0
TRANSP.& PUBLIC UTILITIES	1.3	1.3	1.3	0.0	0.0
TRADE	8.5	8.3	8.3	0.2	0.2
Wholesale Trade	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.0	0.0
Retail Trade	7.6	7.4	7.4	0.2	0.2
FINANCE,INS.,& REAL ESTATE	1.6	1.5	1.5	0.1	0.1
SERVICES	6.4	6.3	6.0	0.1	0.4
GOVERNMENT	11.9	11.5	11.0	0.4	0.9
Federal	5.8	5.7	5.1	0.1	0.7
State	1.4	1.3	1.3	0.1	0.1
Local	4.7	4.5	4.6	0.2	0.1

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